



MINUTES

**Monday September 15, 2014
7:00 P.M., Barber School
102 West Exchange Street
Spring Lake, Michigan**

1. Call to Order

President **MacLachlan** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Present: Bennett, MacLachlan, Miller, Nauta, Powers, Van Strate.

Absent: Meyers

On a motion by **Bennett**, support from **Miller**, to excuse Council Member **Meyers**.

Yes: 6 No: 0

4. Approval of the Agenda

On a motion by **Bennett**, support from **Miller**, to approve the agenda as presented.

Yes: 6 No: 0

5. Consent Agenda

A. Approved the payment of the bills (checks numbered 55833 - 55933 in the amount of \$252,309.14.

B. Approved the minutes for the August 18, 2014 Council meeting.

C. Approved a contract with Plummers Environmental for root cutting and video inspection within the sewer system for an amount not to exceed \$8,303.54.

D. Approved a contract with Precision Concrete Cutting to perform a sidewalk analysis for an amount not to exceed \$4,200 with the caveat that the amount

will be credited towards concrete grinding at a future date.

- E. Approved budget amendments for Fiscal Year 2014/2015.
- F. Approved a Resolution of support to repeal the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act 256 of 2011.
- G. Approved an agreement with the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation for administration of the Central Park Capital Campaign donor advised fund.
- H. Approved an agreement with Verplank Dock Co. for leaf disposal.
- I. Approved a contract with Lankamp Concrete Construction for an amount not to exceed \$5,491.20 for replacement of patios at Tanglefoot Park.
- J. Approved a contract with Borgman Tree Service in the amount of \$11,095.00 for the removal of trees within the Village, a list of which has been approved by the Tree Board.

On a motion by **Bennett**, support from **Miller**, to approve the consent agenda.

Yes: 6 No: 0

6. General Business

A. Ash Tree Removal Contract

An adjustment to the contract was necessary after MDOT indicated that they will be removing diseased Ash trees on M-104. Consequently, this item was removed from the consent agenda and placed under General Business.

Manager **Burns** explained that originally this item was slated for the Consent Agenda but after a conversation between DPW Director, Roger **Belknap**, and Dave **Brinks**, MDOT, regarding the infected Ash trees along M-104, it was determined that it would be in the Village's best interest and MDOT's best interest, from a traffic control standpoint, that MDOT remove the Ash trees themselves which changed the amount of the original contract with Borgman Tree Service from \$17,040 to \$13,615 to remove the Ash trees.

On a motion by **Bennett**, support from **Van Strate**, to approve a contract with Borgman Tree Service in the amount of \$13,615.00.

Yes: 7 No: 0

B. Spring Lake District Library

Library Board Chairperson, Tom **Cousineau**, Library Director, Claire **Sheridan**, and Research Para-pro, Emily **Hartmen** attended the meeting to give a presentation on what the Library has to offer the community.

Mr. **Cousineau** gave a brief history of the Library and an overview of the activities and services that were available through the Library.

Ms. **Sheridan** went over the Library's newest Newsletter with Council and then introduced Emily **Hartman**, Library Research Para-pro.

Ms. **Hartman** gave Council an overview of some of the different resources available on the Library's website, including Consumer Reports, Morning Star Investment Research Center, Demographics Now, and Youth Services that include Kids Homework Help. Ms. **Hartman** said the Library also had programs for photo editing and explained that the Library was getting ready to launch a digital media lab which had the ability to video tape and edit.

Mr. **Cousineau** closed the presentation, telling Council that the Library had a lot of young, capable staff members and that the Library loaned out e-readers, iPads and even cassette players. Mr. **Causineau** also said there were several computers in the adult and children's sections. Mr. **Causineau** said the Library was built with the intention of becoming a community center and he felt they had achieved that goal. Mr. **Causineau** thanked the Council for inviting them to attend the meeting.

7. Department Reports

A. Village Manager

Manager **Burns** reported that she and Council Member **Meyers** had met with Adrienne **Peterson**, Consultant for the Grand River Greenway project and environmental monitoring reports that the Village was required to do through the Army Corps of Engineers and DEQ. **Burns** said there were 3 wetland areas that were supposed to have been constructed but had not been done. **Burns** said Vince **Labozetta** had wanted to clear one of those areas out but she had to inform him that that would not be possible and that 43 trees were supposed to have been planted there. **Burns** said she also contacted the Heritage Festival Committee to inform them that they would not be able to load their barge from that area any longer. **Burns** said there were also invasive species, in these same areas that needed to be treated so she was looking for vendors to remove them. **Burns** said that unless everyone worked together to treat invasive species it would be impossible to completely get rid of them, but the challenge was, there were no Ordinances to force treatment.

Burns also reported that Steve **Nauta** said he would step down from the CBDDA, when his appointment was up in November to give someone else a

chance. **Burns** said that it was not clear what roll **Nauta** played on the board since he qualified as a business owner, resident and Council Liaison so she and staff had been searching for the By-Laws to determine the requirements, but had not been able to locate any, so it would fall back on the Act.

B. Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director

C. DPW

D. Fire

Fire Chief, Brian **Sipe**, was present and gave an overview of his monthly report to the Council. Chief **Sipe** also reminded the Council that the Fire Station Open House, for Fire Prevention Week, was Thursday, October 9 at the 148th Ave. Fire Station from 6 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

E. Ottawa County Sheriff's Office

Sergeant, Jason **Kik**, was present and gave an overview of his monthly report and reported that their new vehicles were in. Sergeant **Kik** also reported that each Deputy adopted a school and would be making contact on a daily basis at their adopted school.

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G. Water

H. Sewer

8. Old Business and Reports by the Village Council

9. New Business and Reports by Village Council

Council Member **Miller** asked that attention be given to marking the Mill Point boat launch better with more buoys. **Miller** also asked about the Tri-Cities Connector Path bridge lights that were burned out. Manager **Burns** said that maintenance for the path lighting was taken care of by Ferrysburg and that she would mention it to Manager **Bessinger**.

10. Status Report: Village Attorney

No report from the Village Attorney.

11. Statement of Citizens

Lee **Schuitema**, Parks Board member, reported that the trees, at the Cutler Street wetlands, that Manager **Burns** had referenced earlier, had been planted like they were supposed to but that the very next year the area was mowed down by a brush hog.

12. Adjournment

On a motion by **Van Strate**, support from **Nauta**, the Village Council adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

James MacLachlan, Village President

Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk